उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन) : (क) से (ड.) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Special programmes for rural artisans in minority concentrated districts

3860. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing special programmes for rural artisans under Khadi and Village Industries in minority concentrated districts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the recommendations of the High Power Committee for the accelerated growth of KVI programme, KVIC, in addition to its normal programme, has launched special programmes such as 125 Block Development Programme, District Special Employment Programme and national programmes in bee-keeping, handmade paper and leather all over the country including minority concentrated districts.

Facilities provided to Development Centres in Punjab

3861. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) facilities required to be provided at present to the Development Centres in the State of Punjab:

(b) whether the Development Centres in Punjab have not been provided with the necessary facilities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor:

(d) the names of districts where these centres have not yet been set up in the country indicating the reasons thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) is presently operating the Growth Centre Scheme, 1988 for providing basic infrastructural facilities like power, water, telecommunication and banking in the selected growth centres at a total project cost of Rs. 25-30 crores, of which the share of the Central Government is Rs. 10, crores. The distribution of the Growth Centres was done on the combined criteria of population, area and industrial backwardness. Under the scheme the State of Punjab has been allotted two Growth Centres namely Bhatinda (Bhatinda) and Pathankot (Gurdaspur). Full amount of Central Assistance i.e. Rs. 10 crores has been released to each of them. Ministry of Industry is also operating Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme exclusively for SSI sector under which each centre would be provided with land/developed site, roads, power distribution network, water drainage, pollution control facilities, technological back-up services, etc. Under this Scheme Punjab has been sanctioned one centre in village Dhanchala, district Hoshiarpur.

Investment in industrial gases industry

3862. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable investment in the industrial gases industry during the last three years;

(b) if so. the details thereof alongwith names of the Indian and foreign companies who made investment therein;

(c) since when these investment were made and the amount invested in terms of dollars and rupees by each company in industrial gases industry;

(d) the production capacity of all these domestic and foreign industrial gas units; and

(e) the net foreign exchange earned by these companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) 3 (Three) proposals envisaging Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of Rs. 114.00 crores, in the industrial gases industry have been approved by Government during the period from January 1994 to February 1997.

The details of such proposals viz, Name and Country of foreign collaborator, equity investment involved, item of manufacture/ activity are published by the Indian Investment